

**Remarks/Arguments**

The Office Action of April 27, 2004 and the references cited therein have been carefully studied and reviewed, and in view of the foregoing Amendment and following representations, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 – 16 have been canceled. Thus, only allowed claim 17 remains pending. Accordingly, the Amendment places the case in clear condition for allowance and, as such, it is respectfully requested that the case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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